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Short notice questions.

Supply of reports of Labour Officers to Police Department.

* 1326-F Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have instructed the conciliation officers in labour disputes to send copies of conciliation reports to the Police Department also; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) & (b) Where a strike, breach of peace or violence actually exists or is apprehended, the conciliation officers have been instructed to send copies of their final reports at the end of the conciliation proceedings to the Collectors and District Superintendents of Police concerned for their information."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" When conciliation proceedings are held, the question of violence or similar questions do not arise; only the matters in dispute arise. In such circumstances, what is the necessity for sending copies of these reports to the Police Department? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" A copy of the report is to be sent to the Collector and the District Superintendent of Police only when the conciliation is over and only if a strike, breach of peace or violence actually exists or is apprehended."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" May I know whether the conciliation officers are not expected to exercise any Police functions where there is violence, breach of peace or things of the type mentioned by the Hon. Minister? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Conciliation Officers are not expected to exercise any Police functions. But the district authorities also would like to have certain data in order that they might take action to meet any acts of violence. Therefore, the conciliation officers have been instructed to send copies of their reports to the Police department."

Constitution of a Separate Special Bench of the Labour Appellate Tribunal in Madras.

* 1326-G Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the State Government have recommended to the Central Government to take steps for constituting a Separate Special Bench of the Labour Appellate Tribunal in Madras for Madras State?